

Recommendations from ETP Drought Subcommittee Meeting

A special subcommittee formed by the Panel at its meeting on April 25, 2014 met in Sacramento on May 22, 2014 to develop recommendations regarding the use of a \$2 million General Fund allocations for workforce training in regions impacted by the drought. The subcommittee's recommendations, outlined below, will be presented to the full Panel at its regular meeting on June 27, 2014. The subcommittee members are Gloria Bell, Sam Rodriguez, and Sonia Fernandez.

Recommendations:

- Adopt final guidelines for a new program: Rapid Employment Strategies Pilot on Natural Disasters (RESPOND). See RESPOND Guidelines for more details.
- Divide the \$2 million allocation into two funding streams of \$1 million each:
 1. Alternative Funding ETP Program:
 - The first funding stream will use \$1 million for single employer or MEC contracts in drought-impacted regions of the state.
 - As recommended by the subcommittee, retention requirements will be modified to allow for the use of a portfolio model for new hire training.
 - The RESPOND Guidelines will retain all other the waivers and modifications included as presented at the Panel meeting in April.
 2. Interagency Agreement:
 - The second funding stream will issue \$1 million through a two-year Interagency Agreement with the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO).
 - There should be an emphasis on reaching workers who have been dislocated as a result of the drought, to the extent trainees can be identified as such.
 - The Scope of Work will include these elements:
 - Allocate funds to Community College Districts in the most drought-impacted regions, San Joaquin Valley and Tulare Lake Basin
 - Emphasize "portable skills" and training that leads to certifications, particularly those in the agricultural sector
 - Encourage greater use of ESL and literacy skill training
 - Consult with local service delivery entities with a history of outreach to agricultural workers